

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 196

By McNally

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Shirley Demarcus of Norris.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Shirley Demarcus of Norris; and

WHEREAS, Shirley Demarcus was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a longtime resident of Norris, Shirley Demarcus was a 1950 graduate of Norris High School; having lost her father at the age of seven, she began working various types of jobs at a very young age, while at the same time skipping grades in school; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Demarcus was employed for several years at Union Peoples Bank in Norris and Clinton and the Norris Post Office; she enjoyed a twenty-five-year career with the TVA Engineering Lab in Norris before her retirement; and

WHEREAS, a proud Tennessean, Shirley Demarcus was an avid supporter of the Museum of Appalachia in Norris, and she will be sadly mourned but fondly remembered by her Museum of Appalachia family; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Demarcus was an active and faithful member of Norris First Baptist Church, where she enjoyed the fellowship of her wonderful Sunday School class; and

WHEREAS, a beloved mother and grandmother, Shirley Demarcus was deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, she enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband, Joe Demarcus, until his passing; she was the proud mother of Stanley (Annette) Weaver and Steven (Janet) Weaver; the adoring grandmother of Hannah (Justin) Shepard, Kelsey Weaver, Ian Weaver,

Morgan (Matt) Godfrey, Scarlett Smith, and Joey Smith; and the doting great-grandmother of Sutton Godfrey, Emery Godfrey, Thomas Shepard, and Hailey Weaver; and

WHEREAS, she is also survived by her brother, Glen (Louise) Meridieth, and a host of extended family members and dear friends; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her husband, Ms. Demarcus was preceded in death by her brothers, Carl and Paul Ray; her sisters, Judy and Betty; and her stepdaughter, Katie; and

WHEREAS, Shirley Demarcus leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Shirley Demarcus, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Ms. Demarcus.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.